Damaged foodgrains in Punjab and Haryana

4145. SHRI LAJPAT RAI : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of foodgrains (both wheat and rice) which were lying in godowns and open before the current year in Punjab and Haryana before the procurement;

(b) the quantity and value of foodgrains (wheat and rice) procured in Punjab, till date;

(c) the quantity and value of foodgrains (wheat and rice) damaged till date and whether any responsibility has been fixed for the damage, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for movement of the stock to other needy States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN) : (a) The stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool in Punjab and Haryana as on 31st March, 2001 was as follows :—

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

	Total Qty. of Stocks in the Central Pool	Acquisition Cost (Rs./Qtl..)	Total value of foodgrains (Rs. in crores)
Punjab			
Wheat	96.13	703.61	6763.80
Rice (including Paddy in terms of rice)	107.12	995.50	10663.80
Haryana			
Wheat	37.31	703.61	2625.17
Rice (including Paddy in terms of rice)	18.64	995.50	1855.61

(b) As on 20-8-2001, the foodgrains procured for the Central Pool in Punjab during the current Kharif Marketing Season 2000-2001 and Rabi Marketing Season 2001-2002, alongwith their acquisition cost are as under:—

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

	Quantity	Value (Rs. in Crores)
Wheat	105.60	7909.76
Rice (including paddy in terms of rice)	69.22	7193.36

(c) Quantity of foodgrains transferred from sound to damage account in Punjab and Haryana as on 31-7-2001 together with its value is as follows :—

(Quantity in M.T.)

	Quantity	Acquisition cost (Rate per Qtl.)	Value at Acquisition cost (Rs. in crores)	% to procurement on quantity basis
Punjab				
Wheat	12344	737.86	9.11	0.12
Rice	13075	1023.48	13.38	0.18
Haryana				
Wheat	376	737.86	0.28	Neg.
Rice	23	1023.48	0.02	Neg.

Damage to the foodgrains mostly occur due to natural calamities *viz.* cyclones, flood, unprecedented rains besides longer storage, multiple handlings, transportation by rail/road, bleeding, sweeping/spillage of foodgrains. However, if any damage occurs due negligence of staff, action is taken against the serving official.

(d) The planning of movement of the stocks by Food Corporation of India is a continuous process and is finalised on month to month basis. This is done after taking into account the vacant capacity available, projected off take, new capacity generated etc.